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Dear Coordinator.

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed superfund cleanup of the Matthiessen and Hegeler Zinc Company site(NPL-U36-2-6-R5) I strongly recommend this site be placed on the Superfund List.

I am a lifetime resident of La Salle and have lived most of my life within a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of this old zinc plant.

I understand for a site to make the superfund cleanup list it has to score 28.50 on the hazardous ranking systems. This proposed site has made the list with just the runoff of ground water from the site.

I am deeply concerned about La Salle's drinking water. Our well (drinking water) is only 100 yards from the little Vermilion River and $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles down stream from the proposed superfund cleanup site.

I would like to see the complete removal of all old and present sewer storm drains running through the M & H property site as soon as possible to stop further leaching of chemicals and heavy metals into the Little Vermilion River.

I hope that this proposed superfund cleanup site will become a priority because of its location on the banks of the Little Vermilion and the danger it presents to the people of the Illinois Valley.

I support the IEPA's recommendation that the Matthiessen and Hegelers Zinc Co. be added to the priority Superfund List. Thank You

Sincerely,

Richard Rosploch, La Salle Citizen